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BY EMAIL TRANSMISSION AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Alan Levine
Chairman & CEO
Ballad Health
303 Med Tech Parkway
Johnson City, TN 37604

Re: Inpatient Geropsychiatric and Inpatient Rehabilitation Units at
Greeneville Community Hospital West

Dear Mr. Levine:

The Department of Health has received Ballad Health's request for approval related to repurposing Greeneville Community Hospital West into a residential facility to treat women who are pregnant or parenting for addiction.

In considering this request, the Department is granting the waiver. As part of that approval, Ballad must submit a standard business plan within 30 days, which would include an executive summary, market analysis, pro forma with assumptions, investment required for the project broken into broad classifications such as building and equipment.

Providing support and treating addicted women who are pregnant and parenting is important work. The State of Tennessee was pleased to support this service by providing a grant for the first two years of operations, and we look forward to seeing the positive outcomes resulting from these service changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa M. Piercey".

Lisa M. Piercey, MD, MBA, FAAP
Commissioner

cc:

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